

REMARKS

This paper is in response to the final official action dated May 29, 2007 (hereafter, "the official action"). This paper is timely-filed in view of the extension of time filed herewith and authorization to charge our deposit account in the amount of the requisite extension fee.

Claims 1-19 are currently pending. By the foregoing, claims 1, 2, 14, and 15 have been amended and claims 4 and 6 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Support for the amendments to claims 1, 2, 14, and 15 may be found, for example, in original claim 4. No new matter has been added.

The applicants respectfully submit that the accompanying amendments are proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 practice and should be entered because the claim rejections set forth in the final office action have been overcome. Moreover, these amendments should be entered because they do not present new issues requiring further consideration or search (*e.g.*, the subject matter now being recited was already before the examiner as claim 4). Finally, the amendments should be entered because they place the application in condition for allowance (or in better condition for appeal).

Claims 1-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,353,083 to Inbasekaran *et al.* ("Inbasekaran").

The sole basis for the claim rejections is addressed below. Reconsideration of the application is solicited in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,353,083 to Inbasekaran *et al.* ("Inbasekaran"). The applicants respectfully traverse the rejections and submit that the rejections of claims 4 and 6 should be withdrawn as moot in view of their cancellation.

All pending claims 1-3, 5, and 7-19 recite a fluorene moiety comprising at the 9-position a phenyl or oligophenyl substituted with at least one electron withdrawing

group and the at least one electron withdrawing group comprises at least one of a fluorine and a nitro group.

Inbasekaran discloses polymers comprising fluorene moieties substituted at the 9-position with C₆-C₂₀ aryl, but does not disclose polymers comprising fluorene moieties substituted at the 9-position with phenyl or oligophenyl substituted with at least one electron withdrawing group comprising a fluorine or a nitro group, as recited by all pending claims. Inbasekaran completely fails to associate any significance to such electron withdrawing groups and thus the skilled artisan would not be motivated to employ a fluorine and/or a nitro group, as claimed.

In view of the above, the applicants respectfully submit that the anticipation rejections of claims 1-19 over Inbasekaran have been overcome and should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Should the examiner wish to discuss the foregoing, or any matter of form or procedure in an effort to advance this application to allowance, she is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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